

system of services and support for smaller manufacturers giving them unprecedented access to new technologies, resources, and expertise. Sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the MEP is comprised of a network of locally based manufacturing extension centers working with small manufacturers to help them improve their manufacturing competitiveness.

Obtaining specific information from clients about the impact of MEP services is essential for the National Institute of Standards and Technology officials to evaluate program strengths and weaknesses and plan improvements in program effectiveness and efficiency. This information is not available from existing programs or other sources.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be administered using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) technology.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0021.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an existing collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,460.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,410.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents other than their time to respond to the survey.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 25, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Assessment Panel (SEP). DATES: The meeting will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 1997 and will conclude on Friday, April 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-281-8900.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review available social and economic data on the Gulf migratory group of king and Spanish mackerels and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches recommended by the Council's Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP may recommend to the Council total allowable catch levels for the 1997-1998 fishing year.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see ADDRESSES).

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by April 16, 1997.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold its 92nd meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on April 21-25, 1997. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai and Pakalana/Anthurium Rooms, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 855-4811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A meeting of the full Advisory Panel (AP) will be held on Monday, April 21, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the Pacific Insular Area Fishing Agreement (PIAFA) Working Group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Fishery Data Collection Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Council's Standing Committees will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 1997, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Council's Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee will meet concurrently with the Enforcement Standing Committee. The full Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 1997, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 1997.

The Council will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items:

1. Report on the AP meeting and recommendations to the Council.
2. Reports from the islands.
3. Reports on enforcement issues, including:
 - (a) U.S. Coast Guard report,
 - (b) NMFS activities and VMS update,
 - (c) VMS Data Request for research, and
 - (d) status of violations.
4. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requirements for Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments, including:
 - (a) consistency of definitions;
 - (b) bycatch;
 - (c) fishing sectors (commercial, recreational, charter);